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EXDIS - FOR TOUSSAINT FROM HOLBROOKE,CINCPAC FOR WEISNER

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SFRC VOTES \$18.1 MILLION GRANT MAP

1. THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE HAS VOTED THE FULL \$18.1 MILLION THAT THE ADMINISTRATION REQUESTED FOR GRANT MAP FOR THE PHILIPPINES. IN SO DOING, THEY RESPONDED FAVORABLY TO PERSONAL APPEALS MADE BY THE VICE PRESIDENT AND MYSELF ON HIS BEHALF. YOU SHOULD BRING THIS TO THE PERSONAL ATTENTION OF ENRILE, ROMULO, AND MARCOS, MAKING SURE THAT THEY UNDERSTAND THAT THIS WAS DONE AS A RESULT OF WHAT WE CONSIDERED A SUCCESSFUL VISIT AND IN THE CONTEXT OF PRESIDENT MARCOS' STATED DESIRE TO MOVE FORWARD ON THE BASE ISSUES. IN THE SAME CONVERSA-
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TIONS, YOU SHOULD ALSO ALERT THEM TO THE FACT THAT THE FINAL REPORT OUT OF THE COMMITTEE WILL HAVE SOME THINGS TO SAY ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE PHILIPPINES. YOU SHOULD FINALLY TELL THEM THAT OUR STRATEGY WILL BE TO PERSUADE THE HOUSE CONFEREES TO AGREE TO THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE FIGURE WHEN THE CONFERENCE TAKES PLACE IN JULY. POINT OUT ALSO TO EACH PERSON THAT WE ALSO HAVE AN APPROPRIATIONS

PROCESS DURING WHICH WE ALSO HAVE TO FIGHT THE SAME BATTLE.

2. PLEASE PASS THIS MESSAGE TO ADMIRAL WEISNER WHEN HE ARRIVES. I HAVE GIVEN ADMIRAL SHELTON A FULL BRIEFING,

INCLUDING A CAREFULLY WORDED MESSAGE FOR WEISNER TO GIVE TO ENRILE, ESPINO AND MARCOS. THE ESSENCE OF THE MESSAGE IS THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT WAS PLEASED WITH HIS VISIT TO THE PHILIPPINES, IS WORKING HARD TO RESTORE THE CUT IN GRANT MAP, AND THAT THE U.S. IS READY TO MOVE AHEAD RAPIDLY TO REACH AGREEMENT ON AMENDMENTS TO THE BASE AGREEMENT. YOU SHOULD ATTEND ALL HIS KEY SESSIONS.

3. I HOPE YOU AND ADMIRAL WEISNER CAN FIND WAYS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH ENRILE. HE SEEMED VERY UNHAPPY AT THE OUTCOME OF THE TRIP. WE NEED A DEGREE OF COOPERATION FROM HIM IN ORDER TO MOVE AHEAD ON THE MILITARY-TO-MILITARY TALKS, SOMETHING THE USG CONSIDERS VERY IMPORTANT. VANCE

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